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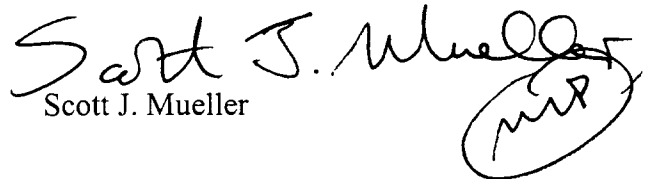
Ms. Mary Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station, 2nd Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 99-60 - Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, Default  
Service Tariff Filing M.D.T.E. No. 72 for December 2001 - May 2002

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing are corrected copies of Fitchburg's revised Tariff Sheets filed with the Department yesterday in the above-referenced matter. The only change is to correct the page numbering at the top of each page. I apologize for the confusion.

Very truly yours,

  
Scott J. Mueller

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FITCHBURG GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY  
DEFAULT SERVICE  
SCHEDULE DS

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K. "Standard Offer Service" shall mean the service provided by the Company for a term of seven years after the Retail Access Date, unless otherwise determined by the MDTE. The rates for this service shall be set at levels that achieve the overall Customer rate reductions required by St. 1997, c. 164, § 193 (G.L. c. 164, § 1B). Availability for this service shall be in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Company's Standard Offer Service tariff, on file with the MDTE.

3. Availability

Default Service shall be available to any Customer who is not receiving Standard Offer Service and who, for any reason, has stopped receiving Generation Service from a Competitive Supplier.

4. Rates

Six-Month Fixed Pricing Option:

This pricing option is available to all customers.

Effective January 1, 2001, all residential customers on Schedules RD-1, RD-2 and RD-4 and small general service customers on Schedules GD-1 and GD-6 receiving Default Service will automatically be placed on this six-month fixed rate, unless the Customer elects the Variable Monthly Pricing Option.

The fixed rate will remain the same for six months at a time and will be based on the average monthly wholesale price over the six-month period that the Company pays to its Default Service provider.

Customers assigned to this Six-Month Fixed Pricing Option may choose the Variable Monthly Pricing Option. Customers electing the Variable Monthly Pricing Option will not have the opportunity to switch back to the Six-Month Fixed Pricing Option for as long as the Customer continues to receive uninterrupted Default Service.

Monthly bills will be recalculated for Customers who are on the Six-Month Fixed Pricing Option for Default Service and decide to switch to a competitive supplier before the six-month period is over. The electric bill for the period of the fixed-six month rate will be recalculated using the monthly variable rate for that period. This ensures that all consumers pay the actual cost of electricity they have used. This adjustment may be a credit or a debit, and will be reflected on the first bill after the switch is effective.

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The rates for Fixed Six-Month Default Service shall be as follows:

For Schedules RD-1, RD-2, RD-4:	\$0.04996 per kWh
For Schedules GD-1, GD-6:	\$0.05005 per kWh
For Schedules GD-2, GD-4, GD-5, SD:	\$0.04808 per kWh
For Schedule GD-3:	\$0.04679 per kWh

Variable Monthly Pricing Option:

This option is available to all customers.

Effective January 1, 2001, general service customers on Schedules GD-2, GD-3, GD-4, and GD-5 and outdoor lighting customers on Schedule SD receiving Default Service will automatically be placed on this variable monthly rate option, unless the Customer elects the Six-Month Fixed Pricing Option.

The variable rate will change from month to month reflecting the monthly wholesale price that the Company pays to its Default Service provider.

Customers assigned to the Variable Monthly Pricing Option may choose the Six-Month Fixed Pricing Option. Customers electing the Six-Month Fixed Pricing Option will not have the opportunity to switch back to the Variable Monthly Pricing Option for as long as the Customer continues to receive uninterrupted Default Service.

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<u>Class</u>	<u>December 2001</u>	<u>January 2002</u>	<u>February 2002</u>	<u>March 2002</u>	<u>April 2002</u>	<u>May 2002</u>
Residential: Schedules RD-1, RD-2, RD-4	\$0.04978	\$0.05344	\$0.05344	\$0.04742	\$0.04742	\$0.04709
Small General Service: Schedules GD-1 and GD-6	\$0.04987	\$0.05354	\$0.05354	\$0.04750	\$0.04750	\$0.04718
Regular General Service and Outdoor Lighting: Schedules GD-2, GD-4, GD-5 and SD	\$0.04837	\$0.05171	\$0.05171	\$0.04600	\$0.04600	\$0.04567
Large General Service: Schedule GD-3	\$0.04691	\$0.05015	\$0.05015	\$0.04461	\$0.04461	\$0.04430

These rate(s) for Default Service are established through a competitive bidding process, but in no case shall exceed the average monthly market price for electricity, as determined by the MDTE.

Customers will be notified of changes in Default Service rates in advance of their effective dates in accordance with guidelines set forth by the MDTE, as may be amended from time to time. Such notifications will be made in a variety of manners including a toll free number, the Company's website, bill inserts, and bill messages. Notification of rates will be made via the Company's website at [www.unitil.com](http://www.unitil.com) and a toll free number 30 days in advance of the effective date. Default Customers will receive 60 day notification of upcoming rate changes via a bill message and 30 day notification of the new rates via a bill message. All customers will receive a bill insert explaining Default Service in the billing cycle prior to the rate change

5. Billing

Each Customer receiving Default Service shall receive one bill from the Company, reflecting unbundled charges for their electric service.

6. Initiation of Default Service

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Customer has provided such notification to the Company two (2) or more business days before the next scheduled meter read date, in accordance with the Company's Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers. If the Customer provided such notification fewer than two (2) days before the Customer's next scheduled meter read date, Default Service shall be initiated concurrent with the Customer's subsequent scheduled meter read date;

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